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Randall,

Vote Solar supports ORS's motion. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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On Mar 11, 2019, at 11:59 AM, Mike Lavanga <MKL@smxblaw.com> wrote:
Randall:

I am responding on behalf of Nucor Steel – South Carolina, a party to Docket No. 2018-318-E. We do not object to the proposal to move consideration of the proposed Grid Improvement Plan to a separate docket.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Please see the attached, on behalf of the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Inc.

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Mr. Dong:

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Please accept and treat this correspondence as notice of South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Inc.'s support for ORS' Motion and Exhibits, described hereinabove.

All parties of record have been served. Please notify the undersigned if there is anything else you need.

Respectfully Submitted,
AUSTIN & ROGERS, P.A.

/s/Richard L. Whitt
Richard L. Whitt,
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Mr. Dong,

SCEUC supports the ORS Motion to Establish a New and Separate Hearing Docket to Review and Consider the Companies' Grid Improvement Plan. In this docket, SCEUC recommended that Duke's grid modification proposal be taken up in a separate docket. As you will see below, Kevin O'Donnell recommended the following:

Q. DO YOU HAVE A RECOMMENDATION TO THIS COMMISSION IN REGARD TO DUKE'S PLANNED TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION INVESTMENT PLANS?

A. Yes. As has been done in numerous other states, I recommend the Commission open a separate public docket to investigate the need for Duke's proposed grid investments. Given the complex engineering nature of grid investments, I also recommend that a qualified independent engineering firm be retained by the Commission to assist it in reviewing all the technical details of Duke's grid plans.

In that docket, I suggest the Commission examine the following issues, among others, involving grid updates for DEC:

1. Is the Duke plan for grid investments needed for reliability purposes?
2. How many hours of reduction of outages can DEC customers receive with the implementation of its various grid investments?
3. How much will the outage improvement, assuming it occurs, cost consumers?
4. Is Duke's grid update plan cost-effective?
5. How are other states handling grid investment updates?
6. What are the lessons learned from other states?
7. How will the State's renewable energy industry be impacted by DEC's planned grid investments? and
8. How will the rate increases expected under Duke's plan affect the State's economy?

(O'Donnell Direct testimony page 31 ll. 1 – 24).

Accordingly, SCEUC joins in the ORS motion to establish a separate docket to consider Duke's grid modification proposal. Please let me know if you have questions.

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Good morning, Randall:

South Carolina NAACP, Coastal Conservation League, and Upstate Forever strongly support the relief requested in the ORS Motion to Establish a New and Separate Hearing Docket to Review and Consider the Companies' Grid Improvement Plan ("GIP"). We agree that there needs to be much more scrutiny of GIP than is realistically possible in the context of these rate cases. We have concerns about the Companies' desire for advanced cost-recovery and are generally opposed to single-issue ratemaking of this kind. Furthermore, we are concerned about the Companies' current plans, which would disproportionately recover GIP costs from residential ratepayers.

Thank you,
 Stinson

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Randall,

Walmart does not oppose the Motion.

Thanks,

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On Mar 11, 2019, at 11:37 AM, Dong, Randall <Randall.Dong@psc.sc.gov<mailto:Randall.Dong@psc.sc.gov>> wrote:

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Subject: ORS Motion re Grid Improvement Plan

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Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

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Dear Mr. Dong:

We are in receipt of the ORS motion and our immediate reaction was to oppose and we are working on formal written response to that effect (which would be filed). Nonetheless, given the concerns below about the hearing, the Company is in the process of contacting parties, particularly in Docket No 2018-319 since it is more pressing in terms of deadlines, to see if we can reach a constructive solution as to a separate docket and plan to report back to you as to where things stand by Wednesday morning.

Heather

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